

Vera-Cruz, Mexico March 28th 1847
My Dear Wife
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will surrender to Scott this day
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requesting an answer. When I was at Brazos
I sent Capt Ellis a draft for five hundred
dollars and requested him to let you have what
money you might stand in need of
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though I expect not long after the City surrenders
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this, but think that I may go to New Orleans
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Description: Letter from John Davison to Eliza Ann Davison, his wife, written in Veracruz, Mexica, about shipwrecks and the Mexican War.

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Affectionately your Husband
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